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SUBJECT: (A CARACAS 119 BEING REPEATED TO ALL ADDRESSEES AS  
STATE 4979

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1. AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE OAS PERMANENT COUNCIL  
ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, THE CHAIRMAN (PERU) ANNOUNCED  
THAT, AT THE REQUEST OF THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF  
VENEZUELA, THE SECRETARIAT HAD CIRCULATED TO ALL  
DELEGATES A COPY OF THE LETTER OF PRESIDENT PEREZ OF  
VENEZUELA TO PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ OF ECUADOR (REFTEL A) ON  
THE US TRADE ACT. VENEZUELAN OAS AMBASSADOR, SUBSEQUENTLY  
SUPPORTED BY THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF ECUADOR,  
REPEATED THE ACCUSATIONS CONTAINED IN THE LETTER, AND  
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SAID THAT HE WOULD CONTACT THE SECRETARIAT LATER REGARD-

ING AN APPROPRIATE TIME FOR AN OAS COUNCIL MEETING. US  
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE MAILLIARD READ THE WEDNESDAY  
STATEMENT OF DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN ANDERSON (REFTEL B),  
AND REQUESTED THAT THE SECRETARIAT DISTRIBUTE IT. HE  
TOLD THE DELEGATES THAT THE US WOULD BE PREPARED TO

DISCUSS THE TRADE ACT AND THAT THERE CAN BE VERY LITTLE  
DOUBT THAT IF THE ACT IS TAKEN AS A WHOLE, BENEFITS WILL  
ACCRUE TO A GREAT MANY OF THE COUNTRIES IN THE HEMISPHERE  
AS A RESULT OF THE AUTHORITY CONTAINED THEREIN PERMITTING  
THE UNITED STATES TO NEGOTIATE NEW TRADE ARRANGEMENTS.  
DISCUSSION IN THE COUNCIL, HE ADDED, SHOULD COVER THE  
OVERALL EFFECT OF THE ACT, THE PLUSES AS WELL AS THE  
MINUSES.

2. VENEZUELA OAS REP HAS ASSURED US THAT VENEZUELA  
POSITIVELY DOES NOT INTEND CONFRONTATIONAL APPROACH TO  
DEBATES, AND WILL KEEP U.S. MISSION FULLY INFORMED WELL  
IN ADVANCE. HE SAID THAT SATISFACTORY DEBATE ON THE  
U.S. TRADE ACT IN THE OAS WOULD HELP INSURE THAT THE  
SCHEDULED MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS IN BUENOS AIRES  
IN MARCH WILL BE HELD AS SCHEDULED.

3. FYI: ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS IS PLANNING TO  
BRIEF (TOGETHER WITH STR AMBASSADOR MALMGREN) THE  
WHITE HOUSE AND OAS AMBASSADORS IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT  
ON TUESDAY ON THE TRADE BILL. KISSINGER  
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